lated for eliciting public opinion; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unsatisfactory telephone system in Bhopal

153. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Time* of India* dated the 24th June, ia8f> to the effict that 150 MLAs had sent a memorandum to the Union Mi nister for Communications against the chaotic telephonic system of Bhopal ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard and what steps have been taken so far to improve the working of telephone systems in Bhopal ;

(c) whether similar reports have been received from other cities ; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information was available even earlier from performance reports, Officers from Directorate visited Bhopal. Deficiencies were identified, remedial measures have been taken to speed up upgradation of the system by deputing additioi. il technician and Assistant Engineer, and also initiating action against some delinquents.

(c) No, Sir. ,

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply at (c) above.

Indian Telephone Industry, Rae Bareli

154. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce the latest telecommunication technology at Rae Bareli unit of Indian Telephone Industries ;

(b) if so, whether similar technology has bi en proposed to be introduced in othi r units of the ITI; if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the production of equipment and fleding components at the cross bar factory at Rae Bareli is proposed to be discontinued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS* MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) No Sir, at present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for introduction of latest telecommunication technology at Rae Bareli Unit of Indian Telephone Industries.

(c) No, Sir.

Heads of public sector drug units

155. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several chiefs of the public sector drug and pharmaceuticals units have either